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SUBJECT: RUMORS OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

1. WE HAVE HEARD PERSISTENT RUMORS OVER LAST SEVERAL WEEKS THAT PARTY LEADERSHIP IS CONSIDERING MAJOR TERRITORIAL REORGANIZATION THAT WOULD DIVIDE ROMANIA INTO FIVE TO SEVEN SUBDIVISIONS LARGELY CORRESPONDING WITH HISTORIC ENTITIES LIKE MOLDAVIA, DOBROGEA, ETC. RUMORS ARE NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER THESE LARGE DIVISIONS WOULD REPLACE PRESENT JUDET (COUNTY) SYSTEM OR BE SUPERIMPOSED UPON IT. RUMORS SEEM TO BE ESPECIALLY PREVALENT IN EE DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES INCLUDING YUGOSLAVS ALTHOUGH WESTERN DIPLOMAT REPORTS ATTEMPTING TO BUY WALL MAPS OF ROMANIA RECENTLY AND BEING TOLD BY ROMANIAN CARTOGRAPHIC OFFICIAL THAT HE HAD BEST WAIT UNTIL AFTER SOME FORTHCOMING CHANGES.

2. COMMENT: WE REGARD THESE RUMORS WITH SOME SKEPTICISM, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THEIR VAGUENESS AND PARTLY BECAUSE CURRENT TERRITORIAL SYSTEM (WHICH PROLIFERATED NUMBER OF TERRITORIAL ENTITIES REPORTING DIRECTLY TO BUCHAREST) HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN PRAISED AS ONE OF CEAUSESCU'S MAJOR INTERNAL REFORMS AND ONE WHICH ALSO HAS PLENTY OF HISTORICAL PRECEDENTS. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE THAT SOME NEW SYSTEM HAS AT LEAST BEEN UNDER STUDY.

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